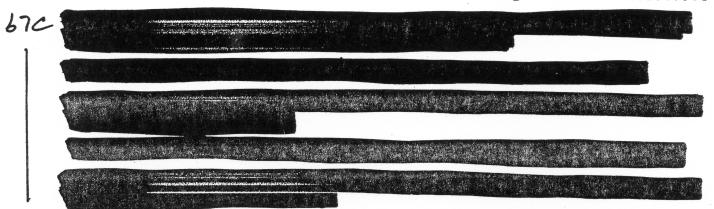


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s Hansberry's royalties She didn't see either one.
'A Raisin in the Sun," her "I read part of the scrip roduced play and the first segro woman to appear on way, have come to more \$150,000. The sale of the rights has brought her 100. Moreover, she is being a Hollywood-style fee to the screen adaptation.

ten her play opened she her husband, Robert Nemi-lived in a small four-room up apartment on Bleecker a Greenwich Village. Mr. a creenwich village. Mr. roff writes popular songs r the name of Robert Bar-Feindy, Oh Cindy is one and is associated with en Music, music publishers. a slao writing, under his name a 1000-researchise. name, a 1.000-page critical r and life of Theodore er.

They Own a House ..

w. although they still oconly four rooms and walk them, they own the fourhouse in which they live Vaverly Place, also in the ge. The four rooms are derably more spacious than previous ones. Their tment is on the top two a. The other two floors are ed out

tred by the fact that two think about money. That well as black ones. All the hotel Her friends when ane ways have recently been doesn't mean I am above it. I characters in one of the four was growing up were in large g failures on Broadway am deeply, deeply grateful for plays she wrote before "A part children of scivants—rate she wrote before the sterred it, and I hope there will always Raisin in the Sun" was proring that audiences won't be some. I am not being blase, duced were white. But she was but I have no idea what my intaisin in the Sun," which lawyers and accountants to look after those things."

Poor Plays

Miss Hansberry said she had understood that the two plays Circle prize for the best about Negroes which recently a 1958-59 Miss Hansberry failed had been "excessively arted work on the book poor." They were "The Cool yrics of a musical play World," which told of boys in Toussaint L'Ouverture, a Harlem gang, and "The Long Dream," which told of the efgainst the Prench on the forts of a Negro in the Deep in the fate eighteenth South to get shead by making an alliance with corrupt whites.

"I read part of the script of The Cool World," she said. "I didn't finish it. I didn't think it was a serious treatment of the

Lerraine Hansberry, play-

emphatic in saying that all the of Negro plays wouldn't scare people. her into writing more about whites and less about Negroes.

"I can't really allow the limitations of white supremacist thinking to condition my attitude toward life," she said knew my classmates pretty
"That would strangle me to well," she said. Her husband is
death. I have never thought a white man, and much of their in terms of will I write about Negroes? anyway. I intend to write about characters as they emerge in my mind, and those I don't adequately know will be poor characters, and those that I do adequately know will be good ones. I don't think in terms of Negro and white.

"I think that audiences will street good plays without re-gard to race." She thought for a moment. "That is, if you set them produced."

Miss Hansberry feels qualified to write about white people. She has a theory that Negro writers can know—and some of them to know-more about the life of whites in this country that white writers can ever know about Negroes.

Can't Observe

She went on to explain that white writers—even good ones like Paulkner who work in the South-can never observe Nogroes as they really are. The very fact that a white man is observing them constrains the Negroes, and they do not talk or act as they would with their own people. On the other hand, she said, Negroes - especially servants and intellectuals can enter into the lives of whites and see them as they really are.

"When some one is serving you coffee in the morning you forget to be other than your-self," she said. "The servant is just part of the furniture

She doesn't like to talk about subject." She did not read "The ards, but even so some of its (white) of a cheese man tine Hansberry, the Negro of "A Raisin in the Bun."

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The White World

As a student, she entered the white world. She attended the University of Wisconsin and the Chicago Art Institute. social life is among white in rarefied musical circl people.

"I think I know the people that I know," she said. "There are areas of life I don't know. I don't know how coal miners live. I don't know anything major talent and I beli about the life of a General has the capacity to wri Motors executive.

thing about the dayghter in the play.

some people angry by : this, but I believe that people are dreadfully ign of Negro life in America

Miss Hansberry's colli tor in the play about Tou whom she believes to have a williant soldier and mist, will be Alonso Levi thirty-three-year-old who attended the Bostor servatory of Music. compose the music.

"I gather that Lon is not beyond," Miss Har said. "He has written ballet suites, a lovely concerto and some exce classical jazz. I suspect kind of byrical statemer "But I might know some- will illuminate the cha

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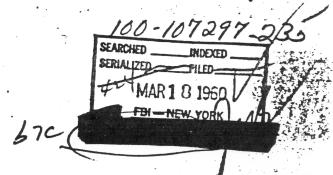
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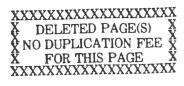
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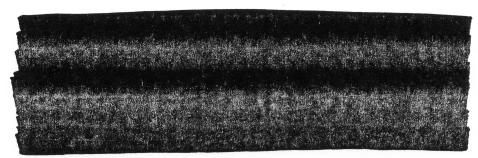
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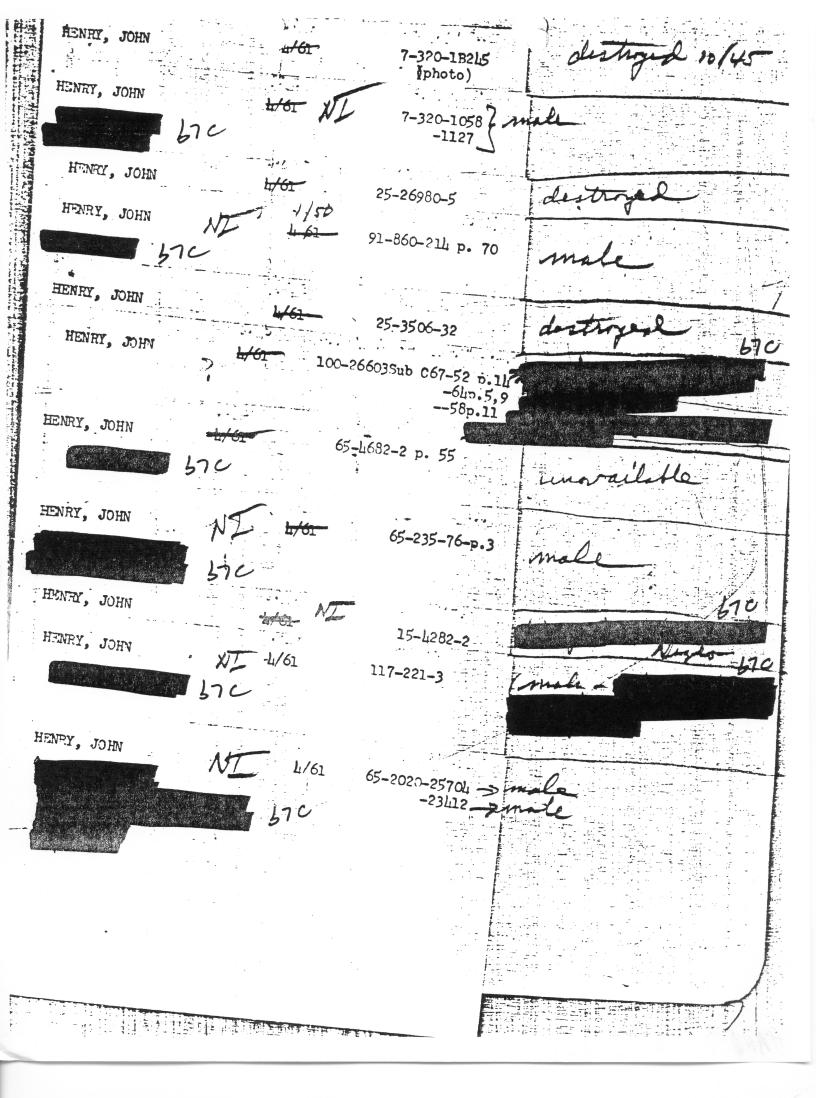
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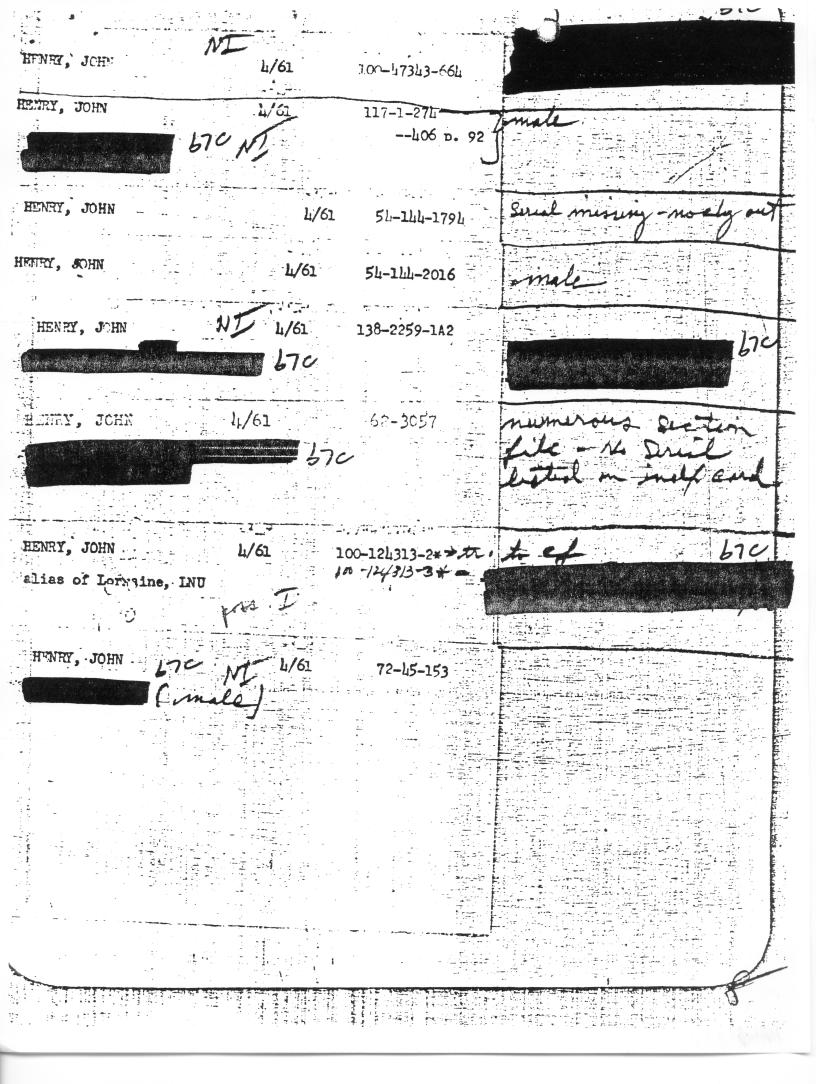
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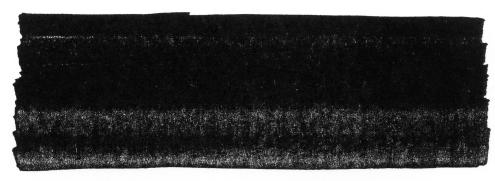
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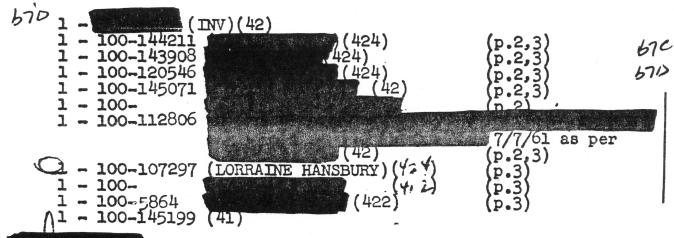
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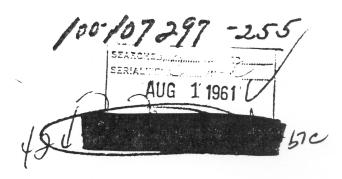


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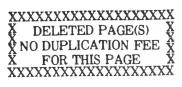
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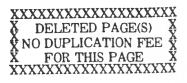




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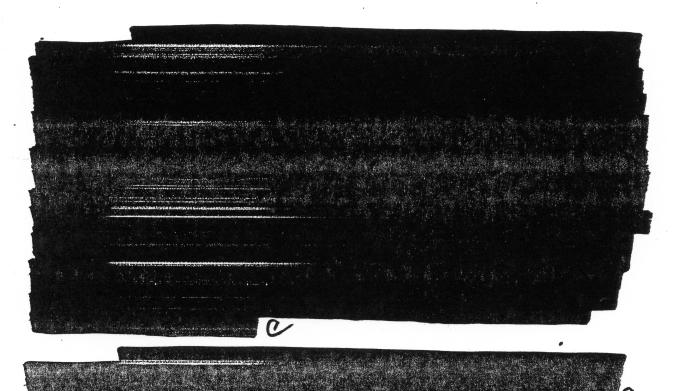
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